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May 28, 1991

Mr. Edwin Erickson  
Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
841 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Dear Mr. Erickson:

Enclosed please find a Preliminary Assessment Petition for a property in Falls Twp., Bucks County. This site was formerly owned by US Steel, and was used as a repository for wastes.

Pursuant to a phone conversation with John Seager, aide to Congressman Peter Kostmayer, I understand that the Congressman's office will also be in communication with you concerning this location.

Please let us know if our petition is in any way insufficient.

Sincerely,

*Carol Fanelli*  
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Chairperson, B-PURE

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Enclosures

cc: Hon. Peter H. Kostmayer  
Hon. Arthur Davis  
Hon. Robert F. Casey

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Under the authority of CERCLA Section 105(d), as amended, the petitioner,

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hereby requests that Region III conduct a preliminary assessment of the suspected release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant at the following location:

Fall Township, Bucks County, Wheelabrator Falls Inc. property adjoining New Ford Mill Road, uplands in the northern section (please refer to "Conceptual Wetlands Mitigation Plan" (map) and accompanying reference in cover letter from PAQ Inc. dated January 17, 1990).

Petitioner is affected by the potential release because:

this site was formerly owned by US Steel Corp. and was used as a repository for wastes from the steel-making process. The substances involved are, to our knowledge, currently unknown and therefore merit examination. We are concerned about their potential impact on the water resources (ground water, aquifer, wetlands and nearby river), and we are also concerned that these substances may be disturbed if and when construction begins on the property.

Type or characteristics of the substance(s) involved:

Unknown. Known toxic waste in nearby borrow pit 20 is coal tar decanter sludge.

Nature and history of any activities that have occurred regarding the release/threatened release:

As previously mentioned, this property was formerly owned by US Steel. A recent study of future uses for surrounding US Steel property has concluded that "Although some evidence suggests waste exists on the site, the EPA and DER do not know at this time the extent of potential contamination on the available acreage" (please see enclosed excerpt, including map entitled "Location of Borrow Pits"). Since the Wheelabrator property was no longer owned by US Steel at the time of this study, it is doubtful this property

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was examined by Temple, Barker & Sloane, the consultants.

State and local authorities contacted about the release/threatened release and the response, if any:

As part of a summary letter to the PADER following a public hearing, we submitted our concerns over site contamination to Mr. John Kennedy, P.E., DER, Southeast Regional Office, Lee Park, Suite 6010, 555 North Lane, Conshohocken, Pa., 19428. This letter was sent on May 6, 1991. To date there has been no response, and none is expected until late summer.